

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, with the following replacement paragraph:

FIGS. 2A and 2B are cross-sectional views of the bag sealing apparatus 10 of FIGS. 1 and 2 that show alternative cross-sectional configurations for the apparatus 10. In FIG. 2A, the lugs 20 extend more outwardly from the receiver portion 14 than the embodiment shown in FIGS. 1 and 2. In FIG. 2B, the lugs 20 extend downwardly from the receiver portion 14, and also extend outwardly from the receiver portion 14 at a location that is spaced apart from the opening 18, such that indented gripping surfaces 21 are provided between the lugs 20 and the ridges 19 and between the lugs 20 and midpoint "M" of the receiver portion 14.